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SUMMARY: ON JUNE 14, US DEFAD LEGERE CALLED ON ITALIAN
DEFAD PATRELLI TO DISCUSS LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH. PATRELLI
INDICATED THE ITALIANS BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM OF PROGRAM
COORDINATION DISAPPEARED AS A RESULT OF MINISTERIAL ACTION
ON THE LTDP REPORT, I.E., SECRETARY BROWN'S WITHDRAWAL
OF SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO PROGRAM COORDINATORS. THE
ITALIANS ALSO BELIEVE THE ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS
ISSUE DISAPPEARED AS WELL. DEFAD EXPLAINED THAT THE
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TWO ISSUES WERE A MATTER OF RECORD AND HAD NOT SIMPLY
DISAPPEARED. HE CONVINCED PATRELLI THAT ACTION ON THE
ISSUES NEEDED TO BE PURSUED. HOWEVER, PATRELLI
INDICATED THAT HE REMAINED UNCONVINCED THAT PROGRAM
MONITORS, AS THE US SEES THEM, ARE NECESSARY BUT AGREED
TO REPORT THE US VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT TO MOD ROME.
PATRELLI ALSO SAID THAT THE CONVERTING OF THE MAC BRIEN

POST TO AN ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS POST WAS AN INTERESTING NEW APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 14, US DEFAD CALLED ON ITALIAN DEFAD PATRELLI TO DISCUSS LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH. SPECIFICALLY, DEFAD FOCUSED ON TWO BASIC IDEAS -- PROGRAM MONITORS AND CREATION OF THE POST OF ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS.

2. DRAWING ON REF B, DEFAD PROVIDED A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE US VIEWED THE FUNCTIONS OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS FOR ALL NINE PROGRAM AREAS. PATRELLI SAID HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THE DEFAD'S EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM MONITORS. IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING, AND THAT OF HIS AUTHORITIES, THAT THE PROBLEM OF PROGRAM COORDINATION HAD DISAPPEARED FROM THE LTDP -- ALONG WITH THAT OF A POST FOR AN ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS -- AS A RESULT OF DPC MINISTERIAL ACTION. DEFAD REPLIED IT WAS A MATTER OF RECORD THAT SECRETARY BROWN AGREED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE LTDP REPORT REFERENCES TO PROGRAM COORDINATORS (AS THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY CALLED) AFTER SYG LUNS SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN HIS PAPER ON FOLLOW-THROUGH ORGANIZATION AND MACHINERY, AND HE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE SUGGESTIONS ON WHO SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND WHAT THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE. AFTER HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMORY WAS REFRESHED, PATRELLI EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED THE DEFAD'S EXPLANATION OF THE RECORD.

3. REFERRING TO THE MINISTERIAL CHARGE TO ALLOCATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING ACTION TO AN IDENTIFIED BODY (PARA 47 OF THE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT), PATRELLI SAID HIS AUTHORITIES INTERPRETED AN "IDENTIFIED BODY" NOT REPEAT NOT IN THE SENSE OF A SINGLE AUTHORITY, SUCH AS SACEUR, OR EVEN A COMPLETELY INTERNATIONAL BODY, SUCH AS THE IS. RATHER THEY INTERPRETED IT AS A MULTILATERAL BODY, WHICH HE EXPLAINED WAS ONE REPRESENTING NATIONS, SUCH AS THE CNAD. HE ADDED THAT MNC'S NOW HAVE THE LTDP MEASURES AND HE SAW NO REASON WHY THEY COULD NOT INTRODUCE THEM INTO THE FORCE PROPOSAL MACHINERY. THEREFORE, HE SAID, NO NEW MACHINERY FOR LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH IS NECESSARY. DEFAD EXPLAINED THAT WE DID NOT GO THROUGH THE LTDP EXERCISE ONLY TO HAVE IT DISAPPEAR INTO THE NATO BUREAU-CRACY. BY SO SAYING, HOWEVER, IT DID NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN NEW MACHINERY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MANY LTDP MEASURES CAN BE COVERED BY EXISTING MACHINERY. SOME CANNOT BE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, ABOUT 30-40 PERCENT

OF THE LTDP MEASURES ARE CNAD RELATED DEALING WITH COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND FAMILIES OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS. THEY ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE FORCE PROPOSAL MACHINERY. IN ADDITION, ASSUMING WE COULD JUST SLIP THE LTDP MEASURES NEATLY INTO THE FORCE PROPOSAL PROCESS, WE WOULD NOT MAINTAIN THE SEPARATE IDENTITY FOR THE LTDP MEASURES WHICH THE US VIEWS AS ESSENTIAL. PATRELLI AGREED THAT A SEPARATE IDENTITY FOR THE LTDP MEASURES COULD SERVE AS A USEFUL POINT

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OF REFERENCE. FOLLOWING ALONG THESE LINES, DEFAD SUGGESTED THAT AN LTDP ANNEX TO THE DPQ, FOR APPROPRIATE MEASURES, MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL. PATRELLI SAID HE TOO THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL.

4. PATRELLI SAID HE REMAINED UNCONVINCED THAT PROGRAM MONITORS WERE NECESSARY. HE SAID THAT IF AN LTDP MEASURE WAS ASSIGNED TO CNAD FOR ACTION, CNAD WOULD REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND DPC ON ITS STATUS. HE ASKED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR ANOTHER AUTHORITY (THE PROGRAM MONITOR THROUGH THE EWG) TO REPORT THE SAME THING. THE DEFAD REPLIED THAT THE PROGRAM MONITOR'S FUNCTION WOULD BE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON, SPOTLIGHT, GIVE

PROMINENCE AND VISIBILITY TO AND PUSH THE SPECIFIC
LTDP MEASURES. DEFAD ASKED THAT PATRELLI PASS THE
US VIEWS ON PROGRAM MONITORS TO MOD ROME. PATRELLI
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NODDED AGREEMENT.

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5. TURNING TO HIS SECOND TOPIC, CREATION OF A POST FOR
ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS, THE DEFAD SAID THAT BY
RATIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN IS FUNCTIONS, IT MAY BE
POSSIBLE TO CREATE THE ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS
POST WITHOUT ADDING ANOTHER HIGH LEVEL IS SLOT. HE
EXPLAINED THAT THIS MIGHT BE DONE BY CONVERTING AIR
MARSHALL MAC BRIEN'S POST OF DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COUNCIL
OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS, TO THE POST OF
ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS (PARA 5, REF A). PATRELLI
SAID THAT IT WAS AN INTERESTING NEW APPROACH.

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